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## **Federal Do-Not-Call List Registration Open**

***Senator encourages residents to sign up to ban nuisance phone calls***

**LANSING** — Consumers will have greater protection against telemarketer phone calls with the introduction of online registration for the national “do-not-call” list that begins Friday, June 27, Senator Beverly Hammerstrom (R-Temperance) said today.

“I have received many complaints from my constituents in regard to unwanted phone calls from companies that they have never done business with,” Hammerstrom said. “The new federal list will help protect Michigan residents from receiving these types of calls and provide them with peace of mind while relaxing in their homes.”

Anyone interested in adding their names to the do-not-call list may do so online by visiting the Senate Republican website, located at [www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/), starting tomorrow morning. Registration via telephone begins July 7. Enrollment is free.

The Michigan Legislature passed a bill to restrict telemarketers and create a Do-Not-Call list in 2002 in an effort to provide relief to Michigan residents from the nuisance calls. Hammerstrom added that lawmakers recognized that a single list would provide both state and federal protection, and recommended the adoption of a federal list when one was created.

Senator Hammerstrom also cautioned consumers from being the targets of any scams targeting the federal “do-not-call” registry.

“Registration for the federal “do-not-call” list is available only through the Federal Trade Commission and is free,” Hammerstrom said. “Consumers should be cautious if they receive calls from private companies attempting to collect personal information. We have been notified that there are companies who are taking advantage of the situation in order to make a profit.”

For more information on how to register for the “do-not-call” list or how to avoid a “do-not-call” scam, please contact Senator Hammerstrom’s office at 1-888-477-8238.